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**LEADING EVENTS IN THE LIVES OF
NINETEEN AMERICANS.**

Under this head we purpose giving, from time to time, brief sketches of nineteen Americans, living and dead. To the end that these sketches must be particularly valuable there can be no doubt as to their utility, and it might be well to put them on future references:

WEBSTER, Daniel.—Born of obscure parents in a poor but honest town in New Hampshire, Member of Congress several years, author of Webster's Dictionary and Elementary Spelling Book. Was constitutionally opposed to treating, and died at Marshfield on the Androscoggin river a few years ago. He was a man of abilities. From the

SCOTT, *Winfield*.—Born in Ireland, the interior of Germany, in 1776—was a fact account for his passionate love for sweet accent of the latter country, and rich brogue of the former. Wrote *Lad the Lake, Ivanhoe, &c.*, and was in the Mexican war. Also participated in several fights, which secured for him the familiar appellation of "Scotty." In 1852 he fought against Gen. F. Pierce, of New Hampshire, and was so seriously jarred by the encounter that he had to lay off for awhile in one of the military hospitals he established before the campaign commenced. He was present in the army, and employs his leisure moments in writing for the New York

BUCHANAN, J.—Born in Pennsylvania. Has played many prominent parts on political stage, for the past two years been playing b-l in Washington. Unmarried and partial to rye.

PARKER, Theodore.—Born in Maine, keeps a drinking house in Boston, well known as "Parker's." Mr. P.'s cocktails are excellent.

TAYLOR, Zachary.—Born in Virginia and was in the Mexican war. Found Taylor's celebrated ice cream saloon, in New York, and also invented Taylor's Shocker.

BEACH, Moses F.—Established The York Sun, for some time was called "the son of a Beach," and the phrase is now

SEWARD, W. H. Wholesale dealer in liquors, Auburn N. Y. Author of the "Responsible Conflict." Wants to lease premises now occupied by James Buchan at Washington.—Has been much in life and always drew his salary promptly.—Is a particular friend of Thurlow Weed.—When arose the expression "he used to be a Weeder."

BRYANT, Wm. G.—Wrote "Thackeray" and several other favorite ballads, the success of which induced him to establish an Ethiopian opera troupe in New York, the name of Bryant's Minstrels. His presence of old Virginia had a great run.

(Cleveland, Ohio.)

HARD ON JUDAS ISCARIOT.—ART
Ward, the "great American Showman",
lates, in his peculiar style, the following
INSISTENT IS UTIKY.
In the Fall of 1856, I showed
in Utiky, a truly grate sixty in the S
New York.
The people gave me a central
The press was loud in her praises
I day as I was given a deserv
Beers and Snakes in my own flow
what was my scorn & disgust to see
burly feller walk up to the cage con
my was figgers of the Lord's Last S
and cease Judas Iscariot by the fee
drag him out on the ground. He th

menaced fur to pound him as hard as good.

"What under the son are you abed?" cried I.

Soz he, "What did you bring this sylaneramus cuus here fur?" & he hit wif finger anther tremenjia blow & hebed.

Sez I, "You egrejus ass, that air's finger—a representashun of the false title!"

Sez he, "That's all very well fur me say, but I tell you old man, that Isacrot can't show hisself in Titky with punerity by a darn site!" with which ashun he kaved in Judasis head. The man belonged to I of the first famer.

One of the Prisoners of the Pontine, in scaling the walls and attempting to gain his escape, the other day, created a little excitement; but he was finally taken and carried back.

The best of the joke is, that one of the denizens, who was "thar" secured the prisoner the convict had dropped in him to escape, and commanded him to assist the prisoner was not to be so bungling. He immediately turned upon our friend and commanded him to clear the trail. "I don't think no doubt, that discretion was a better part of valor, took to his heels."

Excerpt from the "Notes of a Journey to the Pontine Islands."

NEWLY DISCOVERED RUINS OF A C
The Memphis Enquirer, of the 14th
says: "It is reported a party of gen
will leave the city to-day, on board
Jennie Whipple, to explore the ruin
city reported to have been discovered
Indian Nation of Arkansas."

There is a gentleman in Glasgow
land) so polite that he begs his own p
every time he tumbles down. Bein
natured, he always grants it.

The gentleman whose lips pressed a
"snowy brow," did not catch cold.

Take your place modestly at life

affair quiet, and ask for nothing not in the fare.